AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Original) A computer-implemented method for creating reports from financial data in a financial software application, the method comprising:

   receiving a selection of a template to be used to create a report, the template including layout information and content field information;

   receiving financial data from a data source; and

   applying the received layout information and received content field information to the received financial data to generate a report, the report having a layout specified by the layout information, and including content associated with the content field information.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising outputting the report to an output device.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the output device is a computer monitor.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the output device is a printer.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the output device is storage medium.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the data source is a storage device.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the selected template is selected using the Internet.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 further comprising storing the selected template locally.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected template includes version information, and prior to applying the received layout information and received content field information to the received financial data, the template version is compared to a version associated with the received financial data to determine whether the financial data is compatible with the selected template.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising:

responsive to a determination that the financial data is compatible with the selected template, generating the report.

11. –14. (Canceled)

15. (Original) A system for creating reports from financial data in a financial software application, the system comprising:

a template data store for storing report templates, the report templates including layout information and content field information used to generate a report;

a user data store for storing user financial data; and

a report engine, communicatively coupled to the template data store and the user data store, for receiving template data from the template data store and user data from the user data store, and for generating reports by applying the template data to the user data.

16. (Original) A computer program product for creating reports from financial data in a financial software application, the computer program product stored on a computer readable medium and containing instructions configured to cause a processor to execute the steps of:

receiving a selection of a template to be used to create a report, the template including layout information and content field information;

receiving financial data from a data source; and

applying the received layout information and received content field information to the received financial data to generate a report, the report having a layout specified by the layout information, and including content associated with the content field information.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) A system for creating reports from financial data in a financial software application, the system comprising:

first receiving means for receiving a selection of a template to be used to create a report, the template including layout information and content field information;

second receiving means for receiving financial data from a data source; and

applying means, coupled to the first receiving means and the second receiving means, for applying the received layout information and received content field information to the received financial data to generate a report, the report having a layout specified by the layout information, and including content associated with the content field information.

19. (Canceled)